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► Slave Lake, Alta., resident Brenda Derkoch hugs her son Cory after returning to the Athabasca Multiplex evacuation shelter on Monday, following a tour of her burnt-out town, where her family's home was destroyed.

# Life to return to Slave Lake within days, officials say

- Transportation to be provided for those without vehicles
- Power fully restored ► Natural gas available in areas not destroyed by fire ► Water running, with boiled water advisory

Life is returning to the fire-scarred and empty streets of Slave Lake in northern Alberta.

Officials outlined a three-stage plan yesterday to send essential workers home first, followed by workers at major businesses. The rest of the 7,000 residents could end nearly two weeks of exile as early as Friday.

"It's very exciting for us," said Mayor Karina Pillay-Kenny.

"It's probably precedent-setting and we couldn't have done it without all the resources, all the volunteers and the municipalities and the province. I've never seen anything like it."

Slave Lake was emptied by a raging wildfire that roared out of control May 15, stoked by winds gusting up to 100 kilometres an hour. Some people had mere minutes to

collect their families, gather a lifetime's worth of memories, get in their cars and drive.

For many, it was just in time.

The fire devastated whole blocks of homes and businesses. Neighbourhoods were flattened. Houses burned to their foundations and yards reduced to ashy tundra. Hundreds of vehicles were incinerated. Businesses and government offices were reduced to tangled piles of rubble.

Officials have estimated about one-third of the town was damaged or destroyed.

Fire refugees have been staying in hotels, with family and friends or at one of three evacuee centres. But that was coming to an end yesterday with the return of essential workers to the community.

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## Return stages

► Key people going back first: "People with health services, utilities, infrastructure people, governance people — all the key people we need to support the re-entry of everybody else," Mayor Karina Pillay-Kenny said.

► Employees of vital businesses, such as grocery stores, banks and gas stations are to be allowed back Thursday — if all goes well.

► Everybody else is to follow on Friday, again, as long as there are no problems.

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## Appeal denied for convicted sex attacker

A violent Alberta sex abuser turned murderer has failed to get his conviction overturned for killing a prostitute, trussing her body in metal wire and hauling it around in his pickup truck.

Alberta's Court of Appeal, in a written decision, rejected Thomas Svekla's argument that the trial judge made inferences and leaps of logic unsupported by the evidence to convict Svekla of the second-degree murder of Theresa Innes.

The Appeal Court said yesterday the trial judge did not look at just one piece of the puzzle, but instead came to a proper conclusion after looking at all of the circumstantial evidence.

The decision is a severe setback to Svekla's future freedom.

The Crown used the 2008 murder conviction to make a successful bid last year to have Svekla designated a dangerous offender.

That status makes it unlikely that Svekla, who is serving a life sentence, will ever be released.

Svekla's case and conviction made headlines because he had been a suspect in several murders of sex-trade workers in and around Edmonton, though the killing of Innes was his only conviction.

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# Alternative LRT route being considered

- Council committee wants more information about 102A Avenue route
- City administration will consult with area residents over the summer

Members of the Chinese community, among others, got their wish yesterday, as city council's transportation and public works committee asked city administration to consider a different route for the downtown LRT connector.

A route along 102A Avenue will be compared with the proposed route along 102 Avenue.

"That would eliminate the need for the LRT to go through the China Gate and eliminate the destruction of a number of cultur-

al buildings," said Allan Kwan, adding Chinatown will celebrate its 100th anniversary this summer. "(Otherwise) we may never recover."

The concerns raised yesterday echoed many that were discussed in December, when the proposed concept plan was revealed.

But a desire to push the route one block north reared its head last weekend as residents rallied for the cause.

Adam Laughlin, with the city's planning depart-

### Other concerns

► Members of the Chinese community were also concerned about whether or not the China Gate would have to be altered or moved for the 102A Avenue route, which Laughlin said isn't likely.

ment, said that the route was looked at, but Coun. Karen Leibovici pointed out that it wasn't consulted upon with residents in the

► Another concern was the portal, which is where the tracks tunnel as they approach the river valley, which separates the community in two, said Kwan. ► City council approved the corridor for the connector last June, which will connect the west and southeast lines.

area. Meetings will be held with residents over the summer prior to the report coming back to councillors.

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► Forty courses will be on website [playgolfalberta.com](http://playgolfalberta.com) by June 1



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Booking a tee time at one of the many golf courses in Alberta can now be done with the click of a mouse.

While many North American golf clubs allow online tee time booking on their own websites,

playgolfalberta.com is different because it allows golfers to browse multiple courses at once.

"It just eliminates phone calls to five, six different courses," said founder Jeff Sveen during an official launch yesterday at Redtail Landing Golf Club in Edmonton.

Right now, the website

has a partnership with 35 golf courses.

And by June 1, that number will reach 40.

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"That's what makes it unique," said Sveen. "(People) are used to doing it this way when they go

down south."

Sveen has had the rights to playgolfalberta.com for three years, and has been researching and working on the online golf tee times for about a year.

It officially launched yesterday, but has been live since March, as it was previewed at the Edmonton Golf Show.

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**News in brief****Rae named Grit interim leader**

**OTTAWA.** Bob Rae has been chosen as interim leader of the devastated federal Liberal party.

The Toronto MP and former Ontario NDP leader will fill the role until a permanent successor to Michael Ignatieff is elected.

ing the first year of Nova Scotia's \$20-per-pelt bounty hunt on the animals, about 900 more than the year before.

The animals have been showing up in more populated areas in recent years.

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**Quebecers lament poor treatment amid flood**

**AID.** Residents of the flood region near Montreal — from local mayors to homeowners — are venting their frustration at the federal government's handling of the crisis.

They say the Canadian Forces arrived too late, appeared unprepared once they arrived, began withdrawing too early and, now, are failing to help with the cleanup.

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**Coyote cull**

**HALIFAX.** More than 2,600 coyotes were killed dur-

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# AG goes out with a bang

**► Retiring auditor general Sheila Fraser delivers warnings ► Interim AG will be named next week**

Auditor general Sheila Fraser delivered a farewell address yesterday in typical blunt-spoken fashion — warning government to start counting the costs of climate change and addressing the “quite tragic” living conditions of First Nations peoples.

Fraser’s eventful, politically charged 10-year term as auditor general ends on Monday.

While the bespectacled, matronly 60-year-old said she believes retired auditor generals should “sort of fade away,” she made sure to leave with a bang.

In a luncheon speech to hundreds of Ottawa power brokers and bureaucrats, Fraser said Canada has to start measuring the massive, long-term financial hurdles of the future.



► Auditor general Sheila Fraser

“With our aging population, the far-reaching impact of climate change and

the need to replace much of our infrastructure, Canadians need to better

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► Auditor general Sheila Fraser is legendary for blowing the lid off the sponsorship scandal under the Chretien Liberals, famously stating in 2002 that civil servants “broke just about every rule in the book.”

► She was the third “most trusted Canadian” in a Readers Digest poll published this month (behind David Suzuki and building contractor Mike Holmes).

understand the challenges ahead and how the public purse will be managed,” she said.

Many other countries and several provinces, she said, provide long-term financial projections looking up to 75 years into the future.

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# G8 leaders warned: Don't restrict Internet freedom

► More than 60 countries, and growing, have some form of Internet censorship in place: Activist

Internet activists and digital entrepreneurs warned yesterday that if global leaders attempt to limit access to the web, their restrictions will be bypassed and they will become irrelevant.

The stark message adds to growing resistance — from big-name companies like Google and Twitter to anonymous Internet vigilantes who have attacked government censorship networks — against creeping laws that might one day restrict services many users now take for granted.

The leaders of the Group of Eight most powerful countries begin meeting in France today to discuss issues of global concern in the wake of the Arab uprising that have been described as the first

## Facebook or not

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**▶ Mark Zuckerberg, right, in Paris**  
Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg has played down the importance of the social networking website for the popular revolutions that toppled

presidents in Egypt and Tunisia.

- Zuckerberg says the wave of protests against autocratic governments sweeping through the Arab world could have been organized using other websites.
- The 27-year-old says "it would be extremely arrogant for any specific technology company to claim any meaningful role."

Internet-enabled revolutions.

"G8 governments should say very clearly for once that Internet access is a fundamental human right," said Jean-Francois Julliard, who heads free speech group Reporters Without Borders.

Tony Wang, Twitter's general manager for Europe, said attempts to crack down on free expression are self-defeating.

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# Our smart bombs rain on Libya

## ► Military says Canada's jets dropped 240 laser-guided missiles

Canadian warplanes have dropped 240 laser-guided bombs on Libyan targets since March 31, the military says.

But the Canadian Forces won't reveal two other key aspects of the country's mission in Libya.

The questions:

What's the cost to taxpayers of those 227-kilogram bombs?

What's the price tag for the Libya mission to date?

Brig.-Gen. Richard Blanchette revealed the number of bombs in the weekly briefing on Canada's participation in the NATO-led air campaign.

Just a week earlier, he deemed that information off limits for "operational security" reasons.

NDP Leader Jack Layton said the time has come for

### Military silence

- The UN-backed mission began as an effort to protect civilians but has since morphed into a ferocious assault on Tripoli targets.
- The Canadian military won't say whether Canadian pilots are part of the stepped-up air offensive.

the government to come clean on the dirty details of Canada's participation in the United Nations-sanctioned international military campaign to protect civilians from attacks by their leader, Moammar Gadhafi.

Layton called yesterday for a full debate with Canada's participation about to enter its third month.

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## Extension rejected

Nepal's pro-monarch National Democratic Party is demanding that the term of the Constituent Assembly not be extended and fresh elections be held.

# Kids killed in Syrian crackdown?

## ► Opposition group identifies one child who died under "severe torture"

More than 25 children, some of them tortured, are among the victims of the Syrian government's deadly crackdown on an uprising that has killed more than 1,000 people over the past two months, an opposition group said yesterday.

The Local Co-ordination Committees in Syria, which helps organize the protests against President Bashar Assad, identified

the children and the circumstances of their death. Syria has blocked media access in the country, making it impossible to verify the reports independently.

The children ranged in age from five to 17. Many appeared to have been killed in crossfire, such as Mahmood Alkadree, 12, who was struck by four bullets when he went out to buy bread for his family

in the Damascus suburb of Douma, the statement said.

The body of 15-year-old Ahmad Radwan was found in the orchards of the coastal town of Banias, shot once in the stomach and once in the chest.

Majd Ibrahim Alrafee, a seven-year-old girl from the southern province of Daraa, died from a gunshot to the abdomen, the report said.

The statement said that 13-year-old Saleh Ahmad Alkhateeb was kidnapped by security forces on April 29 in Daraa, only to be found dead the next day "covered with the effects of severe torture."

Assad appears determined to crush the revolt, which is posing the most serious challenge to his family's 40-year ruling dynasty.

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# Hacking victims blasé with Sony

**► Little fallout expected among people ► Complaints centre on entertainment giant's communication**

David Campbell found out yesterday morning he was one of 2,000 Sony Ericsson customers from Canada whose personal data had been stolen and posted online for anyone to see.

He's been through a case of online fraud before and is resigned to the fact that information stored on the web is at risk. So he wasn't overly concerned to learn that his name and email were being shared

by hackers. But he doesn't appreciate that Sony didn't alert him to the latest security breach to hit the entertainment giant.

"I guess (the data breach) is disappointing but in this modern day you'd probably be a little foolish to think that anything's safe," said Campbell, who works with the Stratford Shakespeare Festival.

Sony has been hit with a number of hacker attacks

in recent weeks, the most notable coming last month and affecting more than 100-million accounts of PlayStation Network and Qriocity users. Names, birth dates, email addresses and log-ins were compromised. The company said in a statement issued yesterday that hackers on Sony Ericsson's Canadian site only accessed email addresses and encrypted passwords.

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## Post office won't shut this week

Canada Post said yesterday there is enough time to negotiate a "fair and reasonable" settlement with postal workers since there's no potential for a strike this week.

Both sides were back at the table yesterday to continue negotiations aimed avoiding a labour disruption.

"With no potential for a strike this week, there is plenty of time to negotiate a fair and reasonable deal," Canada Post said in a statement.

Under labour laws, each side has to give 72 hours' notice before beginning a strike or lockout.

Canada Post rejected its union's latest contract proposal Tuesday, saying the offer would increase labour costs by \$1.4 billion but then made a counter-proposal.

"Even with a continued decline in mail volumes and a \$3-billion pension solvency deficit, Canada Post has tabled a competitive counter-offer to CUPW that gives employees better wages and protects their pensions and job security," the Crown corporation said yesterday.

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## Abrupt exit for Tim Hortons CEO

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► Tim Hortons ex-president and CEO Donald Schroeder.

Tim Hortons is hiring — Canada's No. 1 coffee chain is looking for a new leader after the abrupt departure of its CEO. The company announced yesterday that Don Schroeder, 65, no longer serves as president and CEO after three years at the helm and two decades as an employee.

Tim Hortons' board said it believes a change at the top at this time is best for the company. In the meantime, executive chairman Paul House, who has previously held the position of

president and CEO, will take on the role on an interim basis.

The board said it was already engaged in comprehensive succession planning for the CEO position as part of its strategic planning.

Tim Hortons did not say why Schroeder was leaving so suddenly, but Brian Yarbrough, a retail analyst at Edward Jones in St. Louis, believes the fact that it could not reach a "transitional arrangement" is key.

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## Molson dynasty rules beer giant again

A seventh generation of the Molson family is taking the helm of Molson Coors as the brewer seeks to extend its global reach into emerging countries.

Andrew Molson, 43, becomes chairperson today, replacing Peter Coors as part of the biennial shift between the beer company's founding families.

The change comes as Molson celebrates its 225th anniversary of its entry into the Canadian beer industry.

Molson told shareholders yesterday the company plans to grow international sales of its existing Coors Light, Carling and Molson Canadian brands and pursue acquisitions.

Its international division grew beer volume by 27 per cent in 2010.

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## Market moment

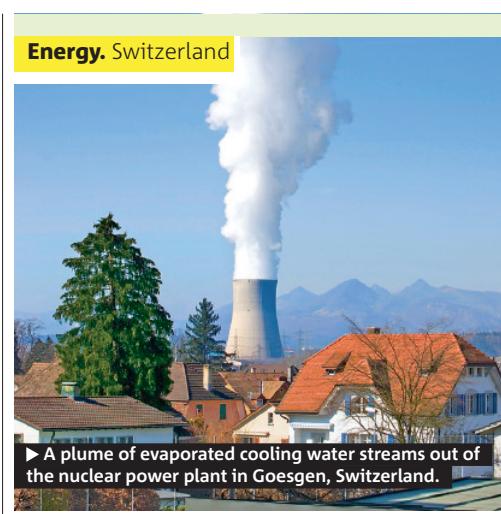
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## Blockbuster brand plays starring role

Despite hard times, Blockbuster Canada's brand power could make it an attractive acquisition target, even as it closes stores while Canadians increasingly turn to new technology to watch movies.

But industry experts say stores would need to sell a wider variety of merchandise if they want to survive long term. Dish Network bought the U.S. locations.

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Energy. Switzerland



MARTIN RUETTSCHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Swiss mull nuclear plan

The Swiss cabinet yesterday called for the decommissioning of the country's five nuclear power reactors and new energy sources to replace them.

# Europeans say China is unfair

- 20% of firms look to suspend or reduce investments
- Wind power companies scrapping plans to invest

A growing number of European companies in China believe they are being treated unfairly by the government and expect discrimination to increase, a business group said.

The European Chamber of Commerce in China's report adds to mounting complaints that Beijing is violating its free-trade pledges as it tries to build up technology industries and global competitors.

The chamber said 43 per cent of 598 European companies surveyed see Beijing discriminating against foreign businesses, up from 33 per cent in a similar survey last year. It said 46 per cent

## WTO pledges

Despite three decades of reform, China's heavily regulated economy is dominated by state-owned companies.

► Beijing is trying to build up "national champions" in industries from banking to oil to shipping, prompting complaints it is violating the spirit of pledges it made when it joined the World Trade Organization.

expect the problem to get worse over the next two years, up from 36 per cent last year.

Beijing has pledged to treat foreign and domestic companies equally but Chinese producers in computers, clean energy and other fields receive subsidies and preferential treatment in government purchasing.

Despite complaints, many European companies see China as a key part of their global plans, the chamber said. It said 59 per cent of those surveyed plan to make a major investment in China in the next two years, up from 48 per cent in last year's survey.

"There is optimism about growth," chamber president Davide Cucino said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?

## HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE  
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I have a stunning secret to reveal about cars and bicycles: *They're controlled by people.* Weird, huh? It sounds Soy-lent Green, but it's true. If you look closely and aren't blinded by anger, you might even see a "cyclist" or "driver" yourself.

This little-known nugget must be revealed because I have bought a bicycle. I haven't ridden it yet because the shop is adding all the doodads needed in the modern urban cycling environment — pre-made legal forms, James Bond-style nail strip, basket with a flower on the front — but soon I'll be a cyclist.

In other words, I'm about to get a new perspective on the long-running feud that is Cars vs. Bikes. (Note the dehumanizing.)

What has always amazed me about this conflict is that the vast majority of people have both biked and driven cars. Everybody is on both sides. Yet to hear the "discussion" you would assume it was two different species that only ever contact each other on North America's roadways.

Why? My theory is that each group has an Idiot Quotient that ends up dominating the discussion; we literally remember the hits and forget the misses.

The worst cyclists, for instance, seem to compensate for their small carbon footprint by taking up as much roadway as possible. They also have a sort of persecution complex, where they see every open car door as an attempt to

injure. And while I have some tolerance for bikes on sidewalks, it's unacceptable to barrel down a sidewalk like Fred Flintstone stuck in his runaway Stoneway piano yelling, "Make way!"

The worst drivers, meanwhile, start complaining about The War on the Car if anything slows them down, including inertia. Never mind that they can get home faster than any human in history. If a Star Trek transporter beam existed and a three-minute delay could save the Alpha Quadrant, people would rant about The War on the Beam and how it's their right to use the fastest, space-time continuum-tearingest transporter available.

So I get it: Some of the anger on both sides is justified. But as someone with both a driver's licence and a bicycle, I say it's time for a new era.

After all, are we not human? If you scratch our vehicles, do we not curse and try to remove it with our thumb? If you wrong us, shall we not give you the finger and say, "Can you believe that guy?"

We must put aside our differences, stop stereotyping each other and remember our shared, common goal: Hatred of pedestrians. Those people are idiots, am I right?

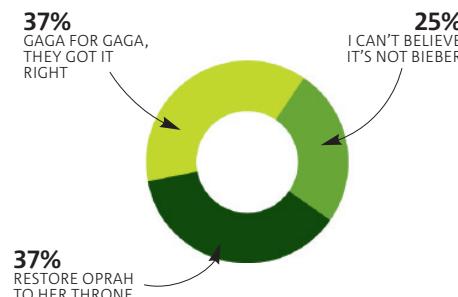
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**What do you think of Lady Gaga dethroning Oprah Winfrey as the most powerful celebrity in the world, according to Forbes?**



## Local tweets

- **@robmcl:** Good to see City Hall pool open after temp. closure last week. Let's hope it warms up again so kids can use it. #yeg
- **@northsidechad:** Calgary's Folk Fest trumps #yeg's white-bread lineup. #yeg has Yo La Tengo, Joseph Arthur, Cadence Weapon. #yeg has Lyle Lovett AGAIN #efmf
- **@prosperityeng:** #yegtraffic I can't believe the #yegcc would stop tens of thousands of gas fuel vehicles every day just so the #lrt can keep going
- **@w\_izard:** With the weath-

- er in #yeg so grey I might try to get some fishing in this afternoon.
- **@duncankinney:** How dare you downtowners criticize the suburbs' unsustainable, heavily-subsidized way of life! Go eat some broccoli you damn hippies! #yegcc
- **@calainsaffel:** Got my property tax notice today. Made me realize #yegcc needs to stop the effing spending. #katz can pay for shit himself. #yegarena
- **@Miradart:** What a wild, bizarre, flukey, goal! #Canucks. I'm still happy about it though!! #YEG cheers for you!!

## Worth mentioning

**LONDON.** Canada has cracked the top 10 in a global security assessment that ranks countries based on how peaceful they are.

The Global Peace Index ranked Canada eighth out of 153 countries, a six-spot jump over last year.

The index, produced by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), suggests North America overall has improved slightly thanks in part to Canada's rise in the rankings. The United States was 82nd, compared to 85th last year. The index says if the U.S. reduced its violent crime rates to that of Canada's, the U.S. economy and its state governments could save billions of dollars on correctional services, health care and lost tax revenue.

Iceland regained the top spot after slipping in last year's index following violent demonstrations related to the collapse of its financial system, while Libya tumbled 83 spots to 143 in the largest drop in the index's history.

Overall, the index found the world is less peaceful for the third straight year.

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## Cartoon by Michael de Adder



## WEIRD NEWS

### Margaritaville has moved to a Mexican prison

Some prisoners learn woodworking or licence-plate making. But bartending?

A prison workshop in northern Mexico where inmates were supposed to be learning trades was found to contain a bar behind bars — complete with beer, vodka, tequila and billiard tables.

Federal police and local authorities discovered the bar Monday at a mini-

mum-security prison in the northern state of Chihuahua, the state attorney general's office said in a statement.

Seized from the site were 20 bottles of vodka, 12 bottles of tequila, and 200 beer cans. Police also found three guns, 20 cellphones, 180 individual doses of marijuana and 90 doses of heroin.

The prison's deputy director was fired yesterday and prison guards are under investigation, said Jorge Chaires, a spokesman for the state's prosecutor for prisons.

Also yesterday, guards conducting a routine check at a prison in the northern state of Tamaulipas discovered 17 inmates missing, the state's Public Safety Department said in a statement. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Going the distance for Cystic Fibrosis

► Great Strides Walk takes place this Sunday ► Goal is to raise \$3 million in support of fatal genetic disease, but still short of target

## BACKSTAGE PASS

JENNIFER LARAWAY  
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The commercials are pretty hard to forget: A child is drowning from the inside out. But this weekend you have two opportunities to make a difference through some remarkable events in support of Cystic Fibrosis.

The first takes place tomorrow. Avonmore Public School (7340-78 St.) is the first school in Edmonton to host a walk. These inspiring students are showing their support for a fellow classmate who is living with the disease. You can warm up for Sun-

### Cystic Fibrosis

- Cystic Fibrosis is the most common fatal genetic disease affecting Canadian children and young adults.
- Those with the disease take up to 30 medications just to absorb nutrients from their food.
- Celine Dion is the official celebrity spokesperson for Cystic Fibrosis.

day's big event by joining these kids at 12:30 p.m. at the school.

The second opportunity to support this cause is on Sunday, May 29. In its seventh year, the Great Strides Walk is taking place at noon at Snow Valley Lodge in Whitemud Park (13204-45th Ave.).

More than 500 people are expected to walk for



► Carter LaFramboise has Cystic Fibrosis and raises the fundraising bar each year.

the cause, each one of them making a difference.

The five-kilometre walk starts at 10:30 a.m. and it's easy to take part.

Register online at [cysticfibrosis.ca/greatstrides](http://cysticfibrosis.ca/greatstrides), create your profile and start collecting pledges.

Or you can just show up on Sunday and sign up,

starting at 9 a.m.

While there are some superstar fundraisers out there (Edmonton's Carter LaFramboise has already made the national top 10 list with \$9,040 in donations from 30 different sponsors), the organization is still far from its goal.

This year, they're aiming to reach nearly \$3 million, but are currently sitting at about 50 per cent of that target with only a few days to the event.

Edmontonians can make a difference by taking part in the Great Strides Walk or by donating online at [cfedmonton.ca](http://cfedmonton.ca).

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### Wedding bells

Another hoops star will join the Kardashian clan. People magazine reported yesterday that reality star Kim Kardashian is engaged to her boyfriend of six months, New Jersey Nets forward Kris Humphries.

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Stephen King says creative differences are solved, musical written with Mellencamp is ready. Scan code for story.

# Oprah says her goodbyes

Oprah Winfrey walked on stage for her talk show finale yesterday to a standing ovation from her studio audience before thanking her viewers for watching for a quarter of a century.

"Twenty-five years and I'm still saying 'Thank you America,'" Winfrey said. "Thank you so much. There are no words to match this moment."

Winfrey told them that sometimes she was a teacher, but more often her viewers taught her. She called the episode her "last class."

The show's first moment was a clip of Winfrey's first show. She taped the last episode of The

Oprah Winfrey Show on Tuesday in Chicago.

Winfrey was the only person on stage with little background music and very short flashback clips.

"When she came out, her appearance, the way she stepped on stage and the message she brought about finding yourself, your purpose," said audience member Wanda Nash, 47, of Chicago, an executive assistant and foster parent. "It was all about Oprah."

Winfrey kissed and hugged her longtime partner, Stedman Graham, and made her way through the halls of Harpo Studios, saying goodbye to her staff, au-

dience members said.

Winfrey announced in November 2009 that she would end her popular talk show after 25 years.

Tuesday's taping came a week after Hollywood's A-list and 13,000 fans bid Winfrey farewell during a double-episode extravaganza at Chicago's United Center. They were just a few of the approximately 30,000 guests on the show over 25 years.

The bare-bones final taping had its share of celebrities in the audience including Tyler Perry, Maria Shriver, Suze Orman and Cicely Tyson, but none of them joined Winfrey on stage. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Kimberly Adams of Chicago stands outside Harpo Studios before the final taping of The Oprah Winfrey Show in Chicago, Tuesday. The finale aired yesterday.

## Comedians react

Many comedians turned to social media to contemplate a post-Oprah world. Among the notable comments made on Twitter were these:

- ▶ "Apparently Oprah is responsible for life on our planet as we know it." - Kevin Nealon.
- ▶ "I miss both Oprah and Osama. Is there a way to pair them up for something?" - Michael Ian Black.
- ▶ "Oprah Winfrey is so powerful that she had the Rapture postponed until after her final show airs." - Joan Rivers.
- ▶ "It seems so unfair! Without Oprah, how are publishers going to continue their cross-fingers/hope-to-win-the-lottery business plan?" - John Hodgman.
- ▶ "Jesus will probably be the surprise guest. She got him started." - Paula Poundstone.

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**Movie reviews****See it twice ⚽⚽ | See it now ⚽⚽ | Worth watching ⚽ | Yawn ⚽ | Don't bother ⚽****Second time,  
not quite as  
good as first****The Hangover: Part II**

**Genre:** Comedy  
**Director:** Todd Phillips  
**Stars:** Bradley Cooper, Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms

Todd Phillips' blockbuster *The Hangover* most definitely captured lightning in a bottle. But the clever premise that made stars out of Bradley Cooper and Zach Galifianakis also

shows that unfortunately lightning rarely strikes twice.

It's not that *The Hangover: Part II* isn't without its funny moments. From a scene-stealing capuchin monkey to a revealing encounter involving transvestites in a seedy Bangkok strip club, there are plenty of laughs. But because Phillips closely copies the structure of the 2009 hit, the gags are less surprising and the mystery-formula plot less effective.

Due to its nature,

there's no point in summarizing plot specifics other than to say the boys head to Thailand for Stu's (Ed Helms) upcoming wedding and end up losing the bride's young brother, crossing paths with a gangster (Paul Giamatti) and taking guardianship of an old monk. Even if those gags don't resonate as much as the original film, fans should still be entertained enough living through another *Hangover*.

• STEVE GOW



**Kung Fu Panda 2**  
**Genre:** Animation  
**Director:** Jennifer Yuh Nelson  
**Stars:** Jack Black, Angelina Jolie, Gary Oldman

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There's no reason for movies about nauseatingly cute CGI animals battling in kung fu to be as entertaining as the *Kung Fu Panda* series, but Dreamworks Animation has stumbled onto a magic formula that's now produced a sequel on par with the original.

*Kung Fu Panda 2* returns to Jack Black's big bellied panda who must now use the skills he acquired in the first film

to take on a devious peacock (Gary Oldman) who plans to take over China and destroy kung fu, while also trying to find his real parents.

The balance between thrills, humour, and heart feels even more effective in Jennifer Yuh Nelson's sequel, but don't expect the depth of a Pixar movie. The *Kung Fu Panda* series is more about giddy entertainment.

• PHIL BROWN

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# Gaga builds hype for new album

The release of a pop star's album usually comes with the typical cross-marketing splash — strategic magazine covers, a few major TV appearances, and perhaps a cosmetics or fashion deal to remind the public a new project awaits.

Yet the social media-

powered blitz connected to this week's drop of Lady Gaga's third album, *Born This Way*, is bordering on epic, with partnerships ranging from Starbucks to FarmVille, and virtual giveaways of the album's 17 tracks. It also represents the kind of bold, new business

model that could help rejuvenate a deflated music industry.

Gaga already had a slew of magazine covers, from Rolling Stone to Vogue, and appeared on every high profile show, from Oprah Winfrey to American Idol to Saturday Night Live, as well as her own HBO concert special.

But she hasn't stopped there. Starbucks — typically home to easy-on-the-ears artists like Emmylou Harris

— is selling her album as well as launching a "digital scavenger hunt" for Gaga-inspired goods; Google Chrome debuted a commercial with Gaga with a track from the album; the online fashion outlet Gilt Groupe partnered with Gaga to offer Gaga-inspired clothing and VIP performances; Best Buy is giving away the album to anyone who purchases a mobile phone with a contract; and Zynga, creator of the popular online game FarmVille, created GagaVille, which allowed fans access to exclusive Gaga songs.

As if that wasn't enough, on Monday, Amazon.com sold *Born This Way* for just 99 cents as a promotion for their new music cloud serv-

## Editor Gaga

► Metro. On Tuesday, May 17, Lady Gaga served as global guest editor-in-chief for Metro papers across the world, including the nine Metro's in Canada. If you missed that edition, go to metroneWS.ca to catch up.

ice, creating a demand so strong it disrupted the online retail giant's servers for a short time.

And it looks like the campaigns are paying off: Gaga's album is estimated to sell anywhere between a half-million to a million copies when the top album charts are revealed next week.

"It was really about expanding the distribution on this album and going into as many non-traditional retail partnerships and non-traditional marketing partnerships as possible," Gaga's manager, Troy Carter, told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "Just with the diminishing music labels, you want to find quality partners where you know you can reach new audiences and being able to push boundaries as well."

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# Putting the hammer down on kissing Leo

► J. Edgar star opens up about his new make out scene with co-star DiCaprio



► Armie Hammer

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For his latest film, J. Edgar, Social Network star Armie Hammer faced a new challenge: making out with Leonardo DiCaprio.

"It's the same kind of thing as if you walk onto a

it's not something I'm going to do in my private life, but at the end of it I was, like, man, there is a lot of weird hype."

One person who is definitely OK with Hammer



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set and they hand you a machine gun and (say), 'Shoot this like you know what you're doing.' — You kind of have to go, 'OK, I know what I'm doing,' and you've just got to go for it," Hammer tells Just Jared.

"It wasn't weird — I have never kissed a guy —

and DiCaprio locking lips is Hammer's wife, Elizabeth Chambers.

"When I signed on to do the movie, she was thrilled that I just didn't have to kiss another woman," Hammer says of her reaction.

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ports, the former California first lady is said to have hired a private investigator to dig into husband Arnold Schwarzenegger's past.

"The investigator will likely look into the claims that he fathered multiple children, outside their marriage," a source says.

"Maria has heard the rumors and she wants to find out one way or another, if those claims are true."

Another person completely caught off guard by news of Arnold Schwarzenegger's love child with former employee Mildred Baena is her ex-

## Celebrity tweets



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@GarryShandling



@taylorswift13  
"It's the guy who played Chewbacca's birthday today so we made a cake."



@Pink  
"this baby just drop kicked me in the ribs. fight fair!"



@joelmcchale  
"Saw @johnlegend destroy at the Sony TV event tonight. His voice melted three women that were standing too close. So good."

husband, Rogelio Baena, who tells Entertainment Tonight he thought the child was his and only learned the truth a week ago. ● METRO

## Coppola getting ready to marry

KISS THE RING? Sofia Coppola is planning to marry her longtime boyfriend and the father of her children, French rocker Thomas Mars, according to Us Weekly.

The happy couple will reportedly exchange vows at Palazzo Margherita, Francis Ford Coppola's 19th century villa in southern Italy.

Coppola and Mars have two daughters:

Romy, 4, and Cosima, 23 months. Coppola was previously married to director Spike Jonze, but they divorced in 2003. ● METRO

## Going buck Wilde with Cooper

Just a month after being spotted out with Justin Timberlake, recently divorced Olivia Wilde is reportedly dating Bradley Cooper, according to Life & Style.

her hand or putting his hand on her lower back, it was really sweet. He took care of her all night."

Other attendees of the party concurred with that assessment.

"They were definitely together," adds another source.

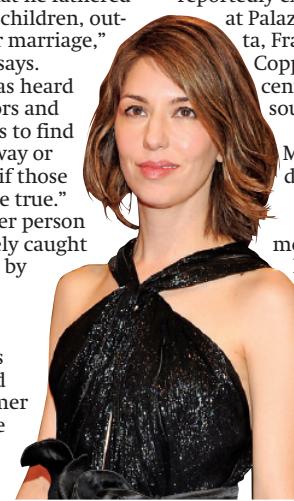
"They seemed really comfortable with each other."

"He was always taking

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► Olivia Wilde



**Gay rights**

In a human rights campaign video, the Vogue Editor-in-Chief states, "I'm Anna Wintour in support for marriage equality. As far as I'm concerned, having the right to say, 'I do' is as fundamental as the right to vote."

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Michelle Obama and Duchess of Cambridge bring high style to Buckingham Palace.

# ALEJANDRO INGELMO.

## FASHION'S FUTURE SOLE STAR

► Alejandro Ingelmo is a fourth generation shoe maker who, for the second time, is up for a prestigious CFDA award ► He likes sci-fi and hates kitten heels.



**KENYA HUNT**  
METRO WORLD NEWS

It's warm and humid outside and his London showroom doesn't have air conditioning.

But somehow Alejandro Ingelmo manages to look cool, clean and crisp in his white button-down shirt and tie as he walks me through his collection.

His classic, slightly restrained, retro appearance is a bit deceptive, though. This is a man who makes shoes that ooze sex of the futuristic, rock and roll variety and appeal to megastars like Beyoncé, Jay-Z, Madonna and Justin Timberlake.

Women who frequent the mecca that is his New York store have claimed that his tall stilettos elicit visceral reactions like shortness of breath and heart palpitations. Lucky for you, his e-commerce shop will launch in a few weeks.

Has the fact that you come from such long line of shoe cobblers helped your career at all? Well I think I had a harder

time. I went to Parsons and went in a totally different direction from my family. I didn't get any help from them. My dad is proud of me, but he doesn't understand what I do at all [laughs].

**Are there any common footwear faux pas that you see on the street that make you wince?**

I hate those platform shoes with the see-saw on the bottom. What are they called? They're supposed to get rid of cellulite.

But what's the point of those things? They're so bad, and they're everywhere. And I know you girls like them, but Uggs are just Uggly, OK?

**For the record, I'm with you on the Uggs. Do you design according to what the trends are?**

Not really, although I know that there are some people who probably wish I would.

**Are there any trends that you feel especially excited or bummed out about now?**

I really wasn't into the kitten heel at all. I'm like, either

make the effort and commit yourself to the high heel or just wear flats.

Learn how to walk in heels or just wear flats, you know? The kitten heel is just not that sexy.

**Do you think that shoes should make a woman look sexy?**

I like for my shoes to make a woman not only feel sexy, but confident and strong.

And it's the same with my men's shoes. When I wear the shoes, I want to feel sexy in them. I think we all want that.

**Speaking of men's, you have a**

**huge sneaker pimps following. The Tron style is especially hot right now. Are you a big sci-fi fan?**

Oh yeah. I had the Tron Atari game when I was young.

It's funny because when I opened my store in New York, I thought I'd have all women's and just a little section of men's shoes. But now it's half women's and half men's. It's fun designing for both.

**What are some common mistakes that you see women make when they purchase and wear heels?**

Well, a lot of them should practice first. Don't buy more height than you can handle. When a woman goes to the store, she should ask about the pitch of the shoe.

That's something that most women don't think to do. But that's what really determines how high the shoe is, it's not so much about the heel. It's all about what's happening inside the shoe. And make sure that the shoe can hold your foot in.

You don't want to be walking down the street with your toe slipping out. I think shoes are like clothes; you want to show just the right amount.

When a toe hangs out of the shoe, that's like the footwear equivalent of bad cleavage.

### Studio visit



► Miami-born, New York-based Alejandro Ingelmo comes from a long line of shoe-makers who started out in Cuba.



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# When style gets swapped

► Can't find what you want in your closet? ► Browse through your friend's

The beginning of a new year was to mark the end of closet clutter for Marci O'Connor.

The Quebec-based mother of two made a resolution to declutter. Having gone through a range of sizes due to weight fluctuations, O'Connor decided to finally get rid of all the garments that no longer fit and were taking up precious real estate in her closet.

But she didn't toss her unwanted items — she took them to her Facebook page.

O'Connor posted photos and descriptions of various items including dresses worn to weddings, unworn shoes as well as pants, shirts and sweaters, offering friends a chance to take their pick and encouraging others seeking to clear out their closet to follow suit.

"The first item was a black leather bag from Rudask. I think that lasted 20

minutes," she recalled in an interview from Otterburn

Park, Que., east of Montreal.

It wasn't long before word of the swap spread



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among other online users.

"I created a Facebook page just so we could contain it and set up a couple of guidelines and rules and then it exploded," said O'Connor. "I had people from many places throughout North America and even some Europeans who asked if they could join in."

As founder of Suzieswapper, O'Connor, 40, has established a dedicated space for women seeking to talk

swap and exchange clothing for free. She estimates some 1,500 swaps have taken place since its launch last year.

Clothing swaps have long appealed to budget-conscious fashionistas seeking stylish new finds for little to no money. But online sites devoted to such trades are helping widen the availability and inventory of preloved goods.

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# 7 deadly decorating trends

► Karl Lohnes reveals the seven home decorating trends NOT to fall in love with in 2011

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### Antique brass

There's a popularity of getting away from the shiny chrome and nickel plated finishes and going toward and unpolished brass; certainly a dramatic change. Unpolished brass; like grey paint colours is being used as a catalyst to get us away from the silvery-tones metals. I suggest using old brass finishes only on old traditionally inspired pieces. A classic old-fashioned wall sconce or brass nailhead trim on the edge of a leather wingback chair will belong forever.



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### Grey power

All this trendy grey colour that we've been seeing is simply a way to ease our eyes away from the golden-taupe colours we were decorating with over the past 10 years. Unfortunately grey will only be around for about one to two years so use it sparingly. Want a bit of grey to update your space and feel trendy? I suggest using it in small amounts like painting a powder room or adding grey bed sheets. For paint, choose cooler/grey-based paint colours; shadowy, cool colours are what's important to achieve, not the actual colour of grey.



### Large print wallpaper

Large floral prints, metallic and velvet flocking are all reminiscent of the 1970s. Anyone who just removed the original stuff hung 40 years ago sure as heck will never be hanging it again.

I suggest using this new trend in a very selective way; use it on one wall as a focal point like behind a bed.

For less of a commitment, frame the trendy stuff in large, inexpensive Ikea frames and hang in groupings. If wallpapering the walls, be sure to prime the walls properly so that when the time comes the paper can be easily removed.



### Honeysuckle pink

That bright, rich pink is (by The Pantone Institute standards) the colour of 2011. It is an optimistic colour which is 'good for the times' they say. The only way I would use it is if Pantone could magically turn me into a teenage girl. Pink is one of the most difficult colours to accept in decorating although if used properly, it becomes unnoticeable. How to use: Have it as a third colour in the room, not first or second. Some great colour combinations to incorporate pink: grey/teal/pink or brown/beige/pink.



### 1970s-inspired furnishings

Chrome tubular, caramel leather, owl-motifs, useless ceramic and pottery figurines are iconic of the 1970s and will most likely be admired by some born after 1970.

How to use: Selectively, one '70s classic piece can absorb itself into the room without being overly noticeable and add some charm.



### Coloured appliances

Cobalt blue, red, hunter green and orange; everybody remembers (or has seen) the avocado-coloured fridge and harvest-gold stove. Enough said.

How to use the new brightly coloured appliance trend: incorporate in a Mondrian-inspired kitchen using red glossy cupboards, yellow rubber floors, cobalt blue appliances, white countertops.... A chop-a-block of colour could look kind of cool... please don't add hunter green coloured appliances to a golden colonial oak kitchen — yuck.



### Greige-stained wood tones

It's that driftwood coloured finish on wood; think of old, worn oak that has been bleached by the sun; similar to driftwood in its texture and colour. It is meant to get our eye excited about something more than just dark espresso wood tones and we are seeing it mainly on traditional-shaped furniture. How to use: in all white rooms, a small furniture piece in a guest room; it's considered the look of new country so if country decorating is your thing... go for it.



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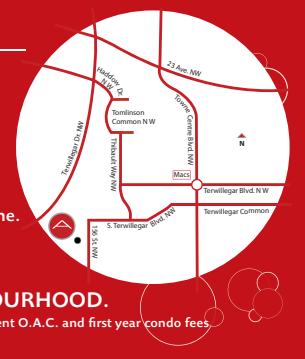
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## DIY IDEAS

Ah! The warmer temperatures are bringing us back outdoors.

But before you can truly enjoy the fresh air — there are many needed updates to your patio areas to help recover from the harsh effects of old man winter.

Luckily, with a few spruce-up projects in only a weekend, you can achieve a patio revival that's simple, yet sensational.

### Wash away winter

No matter what type of patio, pressure washing is a simple way to make it shine.

It offers instant gratifi-

cation as layers of dirt, dust and grime are quickly blasted away. Don't have a pressure washer? Don't worry, most rental companies or home improvement centres offer reasonably priced daily rentals. Or it's an opportunity to visit the neighbours who you haven't seen during the cold months to borrow theirs.

### Bring new life to old furniture

Once your patio is clean, bring out the seating.

But have your table and chairs seen better days? Fortunately, you can easily turn something ready for the trash into a new treasure by updating it with a coat of spray paint.

To start, lightly sand and clean the entire surface. Next, spray the en-

tire piece of furniture with a new, updated paint colour.

### Petals and pots with pizzazz

Finally, liven up your patio with beautiful flowers. But just as important as the pretty petals, is planting them in the perfect pot. Terra cotta pots are ideal since they come in a variety of sizes and are inexpensive. For added pizzazz, you can update these planters with a splash of colour.

To start, turn each pot upside down on newspaper and spray the pot with your favourite shade of spray paint. Once dry, you may choose to spray your vibrant pot with a clear or glitter spray to achieve the dazzling finish you desire. **NEWS CANADA**



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# Hip girls cook and clean

► A new book includes tips on how to make homemaking cool again ► It features an entire chapter on preserving household food ► And some other ways to feel that domesticated bliss



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These days, in addition to

successful careers, we want to grow our own tomatoes, bake organic muffins and throw awesome dinner parties to serve them.

Kate Payne taps into this movement toward domesticity and self-sufficiency with her new tome,

The Hip Girl's Guide to Homemaking.

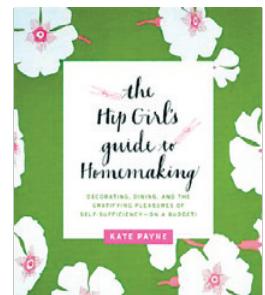
But the last time we checked, twentysomethings don't read Good

Housekeeping, so what exactly makes keeping home hip?

"Well, (the book) doesn't assume you have no other obligations," explains the writer and thrift store expert.

"It's for people who have busy schedules, who have jobs. Whereas the less-modern manuals are like, 'here's how to do everything' — and they make you feel bad if you don't do it."

Never tried a cross-



stitch? No problem. Payne's approach is geared toward beginners and filled with easy-to-do, wallet-friendly projects to make your generic rented apartment feel like home.

"As I've gotten older, I'd go to people's houses who maybe have more resources and feel like I want to have a nice place, too," said Payne.

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# Make it a Tex-Mex night

► These Fajitas offer a healthy twist on an old fave by using beef & asparagus ► Serve on whole-wheat tortillas

These colourful beef fajitas are filled with vegetables. Set out bowls of Boston lettuce leaves, chopped tomato, shredded cheddar or Monterey Jack with jalapeno cheese and sour cream and let the Tex-Mex fun begin!



## Preparation:

**1** In a bowl, stir together chili powder, cumin, salt and pepper; rub into both sides of steak.

**2** In a bowl, combine asparagus, mushrooms, garlic, peppers, onion, oil and oregano. Then stack tortillas and double wrap in foil.

**3** Place steak on greased grill and vegetables in

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**4** Grill vegetables, tossing occasionally, until tender-crisp, 8 to 10 minutes. Meanwhile, place tortillas on grill and warm through, about 3 minutes.

**5** To serve, slice steak thinly across grain. In bowl, combine steak, vegetables and cilantro, if using. Serve with warm tortillas and desired accompaniments.

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## Ingredients:

- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) each chili powder and ground cumin
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) each salt

and pepper

- 500 g (1 lb) beef grilling steak (strip loin or sirloin)
- 500 g (1 lb) asparagus, trimmed; cut into quarters
- 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) sliced

white mushrooms

- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 sweet peppers, seeded and sliced into strips
- 1 onion, halved and thinly sliced lengthwise

sliced lengthwise

- 20 ml (4 tsp) vegetable oil
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) dry oregano
- 6 whole-wheat tortillas
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cilantro sprigs (optional)

► The Enchilada Roll-Ups are made in the slow cooker, which frees you up to enjoy the warm spring weather



► Pair these Enchilada Roll-Ups with a garden salad.

Now that gardening, cycling or other outdoor activities are in full swing, your slow cooker can be even more useful to simmer dinner.

These Enchilada Roll-Ups are a dish that would be perfect.

## Preparation:

**1** Cut each chicken breast lengthwise into 2 or 3 strips. Combine the chicken with 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the flour and salt in a resealable food bag. Shake well to coat the chicken.

**2** Heat the butter in stoneware of slow cooker on your stove top. Brown the chicken strips, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Add the chick-

en broth, scrape up any browned bits. Transfer the chicken from the stoneware to the slow cooker base. Add the onion, jalapeno pepper and oregano. Cover and cook the mixture on low for 7 to 8 hours.

**3** In a bowl, blend 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the flour and milk or whipping cream (whichever you are us-

ing) until it is smooth. Stir into the chicken mixture and cook, uncovered, on high for 15 minutes, or until it is thickened.

**4** Spoon the mixture onto centre of the flour tortillas. Fold and garnish with grated cheese and black olives.

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## Ingredients:

- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 125 ml plus 30 ml (1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp) flour
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 250 ml (1 cup) chicken broth

- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, diced
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) dried oregano
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) milk or whipping cream
- Six 18- to 20-cm (7- to 8-inch) flour tortillas
- Grated cheddar cheese and sliced black olives, for garnish

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## Quoted



**"You could ask 27 teams and I think they're a little jealous at the success we've had ... To get here is an accomplishment, but next year we've got to beat it."**

SAN JOSE CAPTAIN JOE THORNTON ON BEING ELIMINATED BY THE VANCOUVER CANUCKS IN THE WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS TUESDAY NIGHT.

## Tampa forces another Game 7

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► Lightning's Roloson improves to 7-0 in elimination games in his career

Martin St. Louis and Teddy Purcell each scored twice, resilient goalie Dwayne Roloson weathered a hat trick by Boston's David Krejci, and the Tampa Bay Lightning stayed alive in the Eastern Conference finals with a 5-4 win over the Boston Bruins in Game 6 last night.

Game 7 is tomorrow night in Boston (CBC, 6 p.m.). The Bruins are seeking their first trip to the Stanley Cup finals in 21 years, and the Lightning will try to clinch their first appearance on hockey's biggest stage since they won their only NHL championship in 2004.

The Western Conference champion Vancouver Canucks await the winner in the finals.

St. Louis also assisted on a third-period goal that put the Lightning up 4-2. His second goal — and NHL-leading 10th of the playoffs — restored Tampa Bay's two-goal lead after Boston pulled within 4-3 on one of two goals Krejci scored to keep the Bruins within striking distance in the closing minutes.

Roloson, who didn't play in Game 5, gave up a pair of first-period goals and finished with 16 saves.

Boston's Tim Thomas gave up another early goal, then struggled after Krejci and Milan Lucic scored to give the Bruins a 2-1 lead through one period.



The Lightning took control when St. Louis, Purcell and Steve Stamkos scored power-play goals within a 12-minute span of the second and third periods.

The Lightning rallied from a 3-1 deficit to beat Pittsburgh in the first round, with their 41-year-old goalie shutting out the Penguins in Game 7 on the road.

Tampa got off to a quick start as Purcell scored on the Lightning's opening shot.

Lucic countered for Boston less than seven minutes later with a wrist shot from the slot that got past Roloson. Krejci's gave the Bruins a 2-1 lead with 3:30 remaining in the first.

But Boston's failure to take advantage of three more powerplays caught up with them in the middle of the second period when Tampa Bay converted three within 12 minutes to regain the lead for good.

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► The Lightning's Martin St. Louis celebrates his second-period goal with Steve Stamkos in Tampa, Fla., last night.

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# Big 3 turn up Heat on Bulls

**► Miami defence has zoned in on Chicago offence, including MVP Rose**

LeBron James is doing it all for Miami, hitting big shots and clamping down on MVP Derrick Rose.

The Heat lead the Chicago Bulls 3-1 in the Eastern Conference finals and a win tonight in Chicago means they'll be playing for a championship.

That's exactly the way James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh envisioned it when they decided to join forces in the off-season. Miami is on the verge of theinals after a 101-93 overtime win on Tuesday.

James led the way with 35 points and helped contain Rose down the stretch. Bosh chipped in with 22, Wade came up with three big blocks in overtime and the bench delivered.

Now, they'll try to close this one out.

"We understand it's going to be a tough game," Wade said. "But we have the team and we have the guys that are capable of showing up and putting on a performance that we need to win the game. It's not going to be pretty, but that's not Miami Heat basketball anyway."

The Bulls' first three-game skid of the season could not have come at a worse time.

"When you look at the score, 3-1, it looks bad,"

**4**

**The Bulls dropped consecutive games only four times during the regular season and never lost more than two in a row.**

Chicago's Luol Deng said.

But he was quick to point out the games have been close. That's one reason he insisted the Bulls are not out of it.

"I really believe we've got a group of guys that are going to keep on fighting," Deng said. "There's no quit in us. There's no quit in that locker-room. It's really going to come down to the end of the game again."

The Bulls surprised many this season by jumping to a league-leading 62 wins, with Rose becoming the youngest ever MVP.

Along the way, they swept three close games from the Heat during the regular season. They even left them in tears after beating them in March, when they were in a five-game losing streak and appeared to be unraveling.

Now it's Miami that has Chicago's players and coach of the year Tom Thibodeau rubbing their eyes.

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## COACHING HIRE

### Lakers turn to LeBron's ex-coach

The Los Angeles Lakers reached a deal in principle with former Cleveland coach Mike Brown yesterday to succeed Phil Jackson, according to a person with knowledge of the discussions.

Brown will get a four-year deal worth roughly \$18 million US, according to the person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because Brown hadn't yet been formally hired.

The Lakers released a statement later yesterday confirming the club hopes to make Brown the 22nd coach in franchise history.



"We've met with Mike and are very impressed with him," said the statement from the Lakers' public relations. "In addition, we have an outline for an agreement in place and hope to sign a contract within the next few days."

With a strong interview last weekend, Brown became the top candidate for the daunting challenge of succeeding the 11-time NBA champion Jackson with one of the NBA's iconic franchises. The Lakers' 16 NBA titles trail only

the Boston Celtics' 17 in league history.

Rather than promoting one of Jackson's assistant coaches, the Lakers are changing course after an abrupt end to their two-year title reign.

Kobe Bryant endorsed Jackson assistant Brian Shaw for the job, but Jim Buss — the Lakers' executive vice-president of player personnel and the son of owner Jerry Buss — became intrigued by Brown after the interview.

A respected tactician with a strong pedigree, Brown has experience with big games and stars, even if he couldn't get LeBron James a title.

"Mike Brown is a great coach," James said in Miami. "I respect him. He definitely helped me become who I am today."

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## Coaches jump into NFL labour court battle

NFL coaches are teaming up with the players in their legal fight to end the owner-imposed lockout.

The NFL Coaches Association filed a brief with the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals yesterday expressing support for the players and saying that the lockout is putting their jobs in jeopardy.

"Owners and fans increasingly demand immediate success, and coaches whose teams cannot fulfil such severe expectations face likely dismissal, which means the uprooting of families, economic dislocation and a significantly less promising career path," lawyers for the NFLCA wrote.

No individual coaches were identified in the brief, which said that the eight new coaches hired this year face particularly daunting odds of success if the lockout is not lifted soon. The NFL grants new coaches two extra summer minicamps to get players familiar with the new staff, and the elimination of those camps puts them at a competitive disadvantage heading into the season.

"To meet management's expectations, coaches need adequate time in the off-season to prepare their players for the season ahead," the filing said. "Each day lost in preparing for the season further diminishes coaches' opportunities to prove themselves and advance their career."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league was not surprised by the filing.

"The Coaches Association offices with the Players Association in Washington," Aiello wrote in an email to The Associated Press. "So this comes as no surprise."

The 8th Circuit has set a June 3 hearing to hear arguments on whether the lockout is legal. A federal judge in St. Paul, Minn., initially ruled that the lockout was illegal, but the 8th Circuit put a stay on that ruling pending the appeal.

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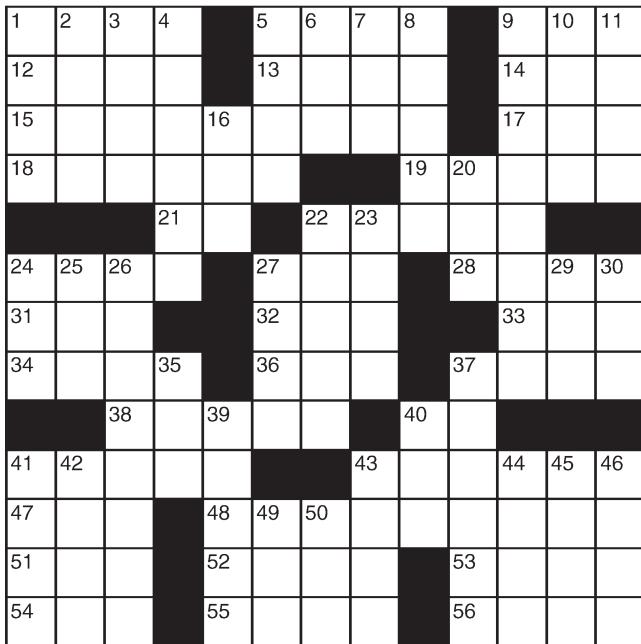
## Crossword

**Across**

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 5 Conks on the noggin  
 9 Rx safety grp.  
 12 Glimpse  
 13 Emanation  
 14 Flinch  
 15 Sort of basketball shot  
 17 Lamb's dam  
 18 Skilled  
 19 Occurrence  
 21 "People" rival  
 22 Big name in Cuban history  
 24 Present  
 27 Curved line  
 28 Pitch  
 31 Blunder  
 32 Ultramodernist  
 33 Suitable  
 34 Bump into  
 36 X rating?  
 37 Crucial time  
 38 Made comfortable  
 40 Exist  
 41 Secret society  
 43 Beachwear for a baby  
 47 Actress Mendes  
 48 Type of swim competition  
 51 Scale note  
 52 Green land  
 53 Pinnacle  
 54 Piercing tool  
 55 Highway  
 56 For fear that

**Down**

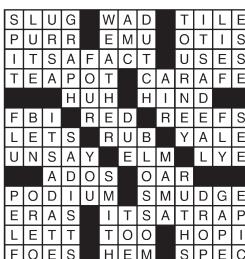
1 — Romeo  
 2 String



3 Gardener, at times  
 4 Barely manage  
 5 Money of Thailand  
 6 "— Father, who ..." —  
 7 Expert  
 8 Cut into boards  
 9 Mooch  
 10 Puzzle direction  
 11 Help a hood  
 16 "— the season ..." —  
 20 Doggy doc  
 22 DJ legend Alan  
 23 Pedestal occupant  
 24 Jewel  
 25 Anger  
 26 Plummets

27 Initial stake  
 29 Hot tub  
 30 Pigs' diggs  
 35 Mai — (cocktail)  
 37 Health plan cover  
 38 Less risky  
 40 Urban transport  
 41 Arizona city  
 42 Acknowledge  
 43 Start a garden  
 44 Big buildup  
 45 Milwaukee products  
 46 Libretto  
 49 Carnival city  
 50 Mound stat

## ► Yesterday's answer



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**Aries** March 21-April 20 Put yourself forward and take initiative today. Make your own decisions.

**Taurus** April 21-May 21 You will face many challenges over the next few days, but you have what it takes to survive and to thrive.

**Gemini** May 22-June 21 A book or film will broaden your horizons today and raise your understanding to the next level.

**Cancer** June 22-July 22 Something of a joint nature needs to be handled carefully today, but it also needs you to make a final decision.

**Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Let others know what you are thinking, but don't be too blunt or you may make it harder to get support.

**Virgo** Aug. 24- Sept. 22 As a Virgo, you have a serious destiny. You don't know what it is? You will soon. Look at the bigger picture.

**Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Avoid extremes today but don't avoid a challenge. Tackle tough tasks.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If you are mindful of other people's needs today, you will accomplish a lot. Leave your ego at home.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You've got a lot on your mind, but the answers may come easier if you let your hair down a bit.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Some people need motivating, others need loving. To you, both will come easy. It's the perfect balance.

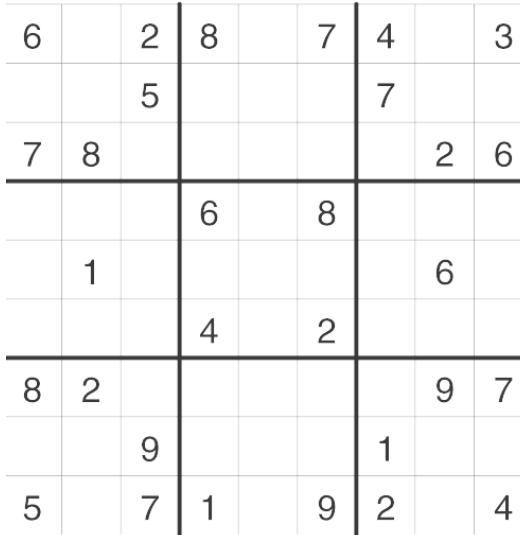
**Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Do something that makes important people sit up and take notice.

**Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. If there's someone you want to impress, it's time to turn on the charm. **SALLY BROMPTON**



## Today's horoscope

## Sudoku



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Yesterday's answer ►



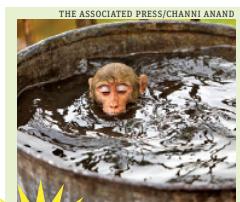
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